

## House Resolution No. 4067

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Saint Agnes Parish, of Springfield, Missouri, which is observing its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

**Whereas**, Saint Agnes Parish, Springfield's fourth Roman Catholic parish, was established when it celebrated its first Mass on September 27, 1908; and

**Whereas**, back in 1908, the need for a new parish was made apparent when area residents in the fast-growing area south of the railroad tracks felt heavy train traffic presented increasing danger when traveling to parishes on the north; and

**Whereas**, two years before, in 1906, the same safety concerns resulted in the creation of Saint Agnes Grade School on the nearby corner of Elm and South; and

**Whereas**, Saint Agnes received its designation as a Cathedral when the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau was established in 1956; and

**Whereas**, today more than 1,300 families call Saint Agnes Cathedral their spiritual home, including persons from the Vietnamese Catholic community who attend weekly masses conducted in the Vietnamese language by a priest dedicated to meeting their special needs; and

**Whereas**, with its location in Springfield's central city area, Saint Agnes Cathedral is well recognized for its ministry to the poor and disenfranchised through a Well of Life program; and

**Whereas**, in addition to Saint Agnes Grade School, Saint Agnes Cathedral offers more than fifty organizations and programs that serve parishioners and the greater community:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Saint Agnes Parish on the illustrious occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Saint Agnes Parish.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Charlie Norr  
District No. 137

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4067, adopted September 8, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker